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Fiction Is Stranger Than Fact!



by David Atkins

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As I walked along the brightly lit sidewalk, I stopped from time to time to peer into the store windows with their bright and pretty Christmas displays, and listened to the Christmas music coming from somewhere down the street. As the snow filtered through the air like silver flakes falling from somewhere above, I noticed an old man walking toward me with a cane in his right hand, helping to steady his body and relieve some of the pain in his old and tender bones.

He was just another old man, shabbily dressed although not really a bum; just an old man who looked like he didn't have too much left from his life of hard work.

A woman with a couple of little kids went hurrying by me, talking about getting home for dinner and what all they wanted for Christmas this year. I didn't pay much attention to what else was going on around me, except that the snow was falling harder now and the traffic was getting heavier — horns blowing, windshield wipers whipping through the snow gathering on the windshields, and more people going in and out of stores than there were just a couple of minutes ago.

It certainly is the Christmas season, I thought — the Salvation Army bell ringing, people walking by, paying no attention to the bell of the person dressed in black and red, with the pot hanging on a tripod with chains holding it. I wonder what all these people are like that breeze by me like they are on their way to a party they are late for, and it can't get started without them?

There, in front of the big plate-glass window, stood a young man and woman in their early twenties, holding hands and standing so close to each other, and looking like they are so much in love that there is no one else in the world except them.

I thought of the times when my mother and dad took me and my two brothers shopping on nights much like this; how we would laugh and sing Christmas songs, look into the much-too-big windows at all the pretty clothes, and the toy trains merrily making their way around a silver track with smoke blowing from the engine stack; and the big jolly man in the funny red and white suit, his beard hanging clear down to his lap, and laughing, saying, "Ho, Ho, Ho, and a Merry Christmas to you from Old Saint Nick. You boys and girls be good, and I'll visit your house Christmas morning."

How silly it all seems now, now that I have grown to manhood and have become what some might consider to be wealthy. I spent a lot of hard years getting where I am now in society, and I enjoy it. I really don't know why I am even here on a chilly, snowy night. I can have someone else do anything I want them to do for me, and no questions asked.

But my mind is taken in by all that is going on around me. There is another man and woman with their kids, hurrying along, the kids laughing and singing and the mother hanging on to them for dear life, afraid they will break loose and get hurt. It sure is funny how moms think. They are just little guys. No one is going to hurt them or let them get hurt, and besides, they are really enjoying the snow blowing in their faces and sliding on the now-slippery sidewalk as they walk along.

I came closer to the old man with the cane, and something looked very familiar about him. I really didn't know what it was, but something about him really bothered me — something that made my body chill like an iceberg.

An older lady, standing by a lamp post crying, took my attention from the man with the cane. She looked well into her seventies and stood there shivering, even though she had a coat on and appeared to be warm. I walked over to her and asked her what was wrong. At first she didn't want to talk to me — after all, I was a complete stranger to her. Why should she tell me anything?

After I introduced myself to her and tried to make her feel at ease, she finally told me why she was crying.

It seems that, some twenty years ago, she had a son that was very well off. He had worked hard all his life, and became a well-known figure in the business world. She told me about how she and her husband had brought him to this very street and looked into these same windows, and laughed and sang Christmas songs together. He became very successful — and very selfish. He had everything a man could want in life, and refused to share any of his wealth with anyone. He didn't come around the family much. She guessed it was because he was ashamed

of his family. Not wanting his friends to know he was from a poor family, he felt it was better he stay away.

After her husband died, her son became even more reluctant to visit her or to help her when she needed it, even though she never did ask him for anything.

It was on this same street that her son was Christmas shopping on a night much like tonight. He had been drinking heavily and drove himself to town to shop. He had finished his shopping and started across the street for his car, when a car going too fast couldn't stop for the red light he was standing near. The car hit her son and killed him. She was told about it the next day, Christmas day.

I thought to myself, "This old lady must want something, money or something. Does she think she is talking to a fool?" Why would this old lady be telling me something like this unless she wanted something?

I looked at her again and she still looked familiar to me but I didn't know why. Why did this old lady bother me so much?

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Major Shake-up At DPW Two Fired — State Police Investigating

by D. A. Atkins

Two men were terminated from the D.P.W. Friday because of alleged dishonesty and contract violations. There could be a criminal investigation of the alleged dishonesty, and possible charges brought against the people involved.

"There have been allegations over the years, but I never believed it," said Mayor McAnally. She continued, "We did a very thorough investigation and the dimension of that investigation will come out later."

She went on to say that real proof had been developed. The Michigan State Police are doing an investigation and it is believed it will take some time for all the evidence to be gathered. The two men were suspended with pay while hearings were being conducted, and then were terminated.

If everything I have been told is accurate, it would appear that, over a period of years (I don't know how many yet), a loss

that could be in excess of over \$100,000 in time and materials could have been suffered.

McAnally said there have been allegations of misuse and theft with regard to time, equipment and property. These matters are currently under investigation.

"The big thing with me is, it's a great disappointment. Some of these people I've known for 15 years. I liked and respected them. They were long-term employees, and I had all kinds of faith in them. I am devastated to think they could have done it," said McAnally, and added, "You can't excuse it, and if I know about it and don't take action to stop it, then I'm as guilty as everybody else."

McAnally seemed very hurt that someone she had known for years would take advantage of her in this manner. Evidently, there have been other mayors in the past who have known of these actions by these and other people in the D.P.W., but didn't

do anything about it, according to Mayor McAnally.

She said that an ex-Councilman and the public had brought these matters to her attention, but she felt there was not enough proof to move on the matter at the time. However, in the last six months, it had been brought to her attention by a number of people. When she began asking questions about various things and received inappropriate answers, she decided to go ahead with the investigation that has now become a major factor in the shake up of the D.P.W. There may be more people involved before it is over with. The Mayor says it is a very serious matter.

Is Romulus unique? Probably not. It is only that McAnally is doing what many other mayors have possibly been afraid to do. □

Right to Know

by Margaret Leduc

SARA TITLE-III — What is it? How does it affect Romulus? On October 17, 1986, the 'Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986' (SARA) was enacted into law. One part of the new SARA provisions is TITLE III: The Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986. This law is to help communities better meet their responsibilities in regards to potential chemical emergencies.

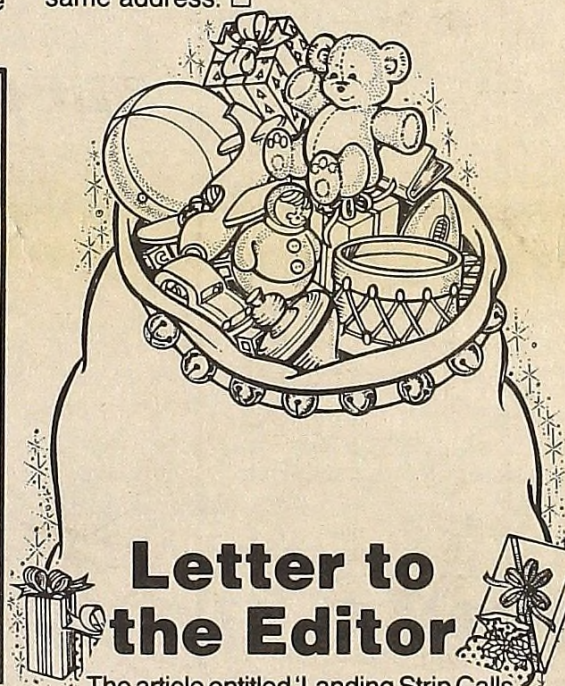
There are four major sections:

- Emergency Planning
- Emergency Notification
- Community Right-To-Know Reporting Requirements
- Emissions Inventory

The intent of the law is to make the communities aware of the chemicals in their community and prepare their emergency personnel to respond efficiently and safely to an incident. In order to meet this goal a local committee was appointed by Mayor McAnally. The committee represents the chemical and commercial businesses, news media, concerned environmental groups, hospitals, Police, Fire, Emergency Preparedness Office and the Mayor, herself.

The objectives of this committee are to identify facilities and extremely hazardous substance transportation routes; emergency notification procedures; facility coordinators, who can be contacted in regard to hazardous materials; and to develop resource lists (whether private or public) to be used in an incident. The committee is charged with the responsibility of developing response plans in an emergency; training for response personnel; evacuation plans; also methods and schedules for exercising emergency response plans.

This committee has had two meetings to determine what the community has done so far and what has to be accomplished. The committee is working cooperatively together to identify facilities and transportation routes. Primarily facilities that manufacture, import or store hazardous chemicals in large quantities have to report to this local emergency planning committee, the State emergency response commission and the Romulus Fire Department. The deadline is March 1, 1988 to submit to Romulus Fire Department, 11165 Olive, Romulus, MI 48174, and also to Romulus Community Right-To-Know Committee, c/o Margaret Leduc, at the same address. □



Letter to the Editor

The article entitled 'Landing Strip Calls' in the December 2, *The Romulus News*, didn't make me want to call the Landing Strip right away, but I wanted to write to you right away. The Landing Strip is a topless go-go bar. It is a place for men to go and gawk at topless women. The Landing Strip received Federal Grant Money to refurbish their business. Tom Nappo wants to be the Las Vegas of the North. You are asking me to applaud a business establishment that gives a pleasant place for men to leer at half naked women?

Personally, I am agitated with the place, I hate to be identified as living in Romulus with the leering reference to the Landing Strip. Yes, we have 2 such places and the U.S. Constitution stated that they are allowed to be in business, but personally, I wish they were for families, such as a Comedy Palace, or a dancing establishment for couples, then I would be very pleased with their improvement, but as a topless go-go bar, NO THANK YOU.

I know that the men in the surrounding area are very happy, but not me.

(Name withheld by request) □

Halecreek Letters Flood RN

by D. A. Atkins

When I gave a speech at Halecreek Elementary School's Honor Roll Assembly a few weeks ago, I asked the children present if each of them would write me a letter telling me why they wanted to be on the honor roll, and why they felt it was important. I also asked that the present honor roll students explain what they did to get such good grades, and that the other students tell me what they were going to do so that they could be on the honor roll next time. I promised that I would take a few of the best letters from each class and print them.

Well, the response has been so overwhelming that it is hard to believe! All of the letters are so great that it is almost impossible to decide between them, so I have decided to print all of them throughout the next few issues of the paper. I hope you enjoy reading these letters as much as we at *The Romulus News* have.

Congratulations, kids, and remember: the whole City will be reading about your promises to give your very best efforts. Just do your best, be proud of yourselves for trying so hard, and you'll all be winners, no matter what! □

Letters to The Romulus News from Mrs. Olszewski's 4th/5th-grade class.

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Hello, I'm Tim. I wasn't on the Honor Roll but I wanted to be. I didn't do as good as I thought I did. I wanted to be because my parents wanted me to be. I thought I let them down but they said, "You'll make it next time." I'm sure I'll do it.

I'll do it because I'll have better grades. I'll make better grades because I'll work harder and study harder and I'll hand in my work on time. My parents will be very proud of me if I change my grades.

Sincerely yours,
Tim Baker, 5th grade

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Why I'm on the Honor Roll. I am on the Honor Roll because I study hard and did my work. I am going to try and make it again with more points.

I will still do my work. I will not get any bad grades. I will do my best all of the time.

Sincerely yours,
Michael Chapman, 5th grade

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I'd like to be on the Honor Roll but I was working a little sloppy. Math, Spelling and Science is my favorite subject.

I always try and do my work in one day. It is fun to do my work. I like scramble word, do cross word puzzles, and codes. I think school is fun.

Sincerely yours,
Allen Chiu, 5th grade

Dear Mr. Atkins,

The reason I was on the Honor Roll is because I worked very hard. I always did all my home work. When we have a test I would study very, very, hard. I would do my home work before everything.

The thing that is the hardest for me is Reading Class. The way I am going to

get my Reading grade up is I am going to read more.

The next time I am going to study even harder than before. I will always do my best so that I can make the Honor Roll.

Sincerely,
David Ester, 4th grade

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I want to get on the Honor Roll because I know I can do it. I was on all four times last year. I hope I can get on it in January. I know I can do it if I try. And I will.

Math is my worst task but I will improve. I have to study more and take more time with it. Math is my greatest challenge but I will study every night to help improve and work for greater understanding.

Sincerely yours,
Lisa Gardner, 5th grade

Letters to The Romulus News from Mrs. Brackney's 6th-grade class.

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Thank you for coming to an honor roll assembly on Wednesday. I think that I could be on the honor roll if I put some effort in my homework and assignments.

I could also study with flash cards and pay attention. Everyone was glad to see you at the assembly last week and said that you would put the letters you pick to be in your paper about the honor roll. I hope to make the honor roll next time.

Sincerely,
Jason Arrington

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Thank you for coming to our school on Nov. 25, 1987.

Next time I will try to get on the Honor Roll by completing my work, following directions, studying, having great attendance, having good behavior, getting A's in conduct, and having good grades. My mom and dad wants me to be on the Honor Roll to. Mrs. Brackney has us do flashcards for science and social studies and encourages us to study them. I will wright much neater. I will do my best in everything I do. I will be careful to what I'm doing. I intend to keep this promise I'm going to make.

Sincerely,
Misty Carter

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I would like to thank you for coming to our school and making a speech about the honor roll.

The reason I am writing is because I did not make the honor roll. I didn't make the honor roll because I did not put enough effort in to my work. I did not complete some of my assignments in reading and a few other classes.

From now on I plan to do a lot better. This semester I plan to achieve in reading and the other classes. Hopefully, I will have great attendance. This time I will ask questions instead of just putting something down.

Sincerely,
Jesse Connolly

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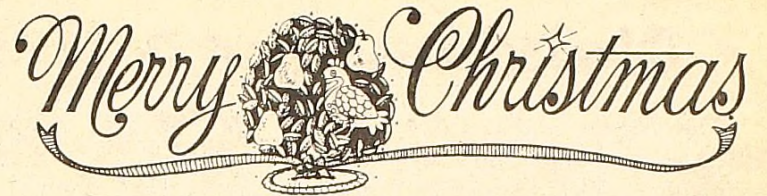


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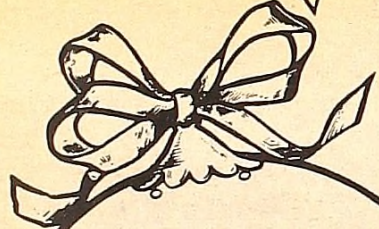


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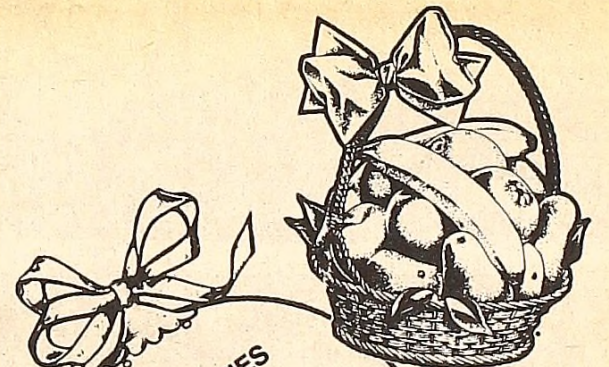
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Christmas Party Held

The Wayne County Coon Hunters Club held its annual Christmas Party for its members and families on Sunday, December 13. There was a large turnout for the event, and Old Saint Nick was on hand, as usual, handing out toys for all the good girls and boys. (Yes, and even some of the bad ones, too.)

The food was outstanding, with many things to choose from. Turkey, ham, taco salad, and so many homemade sweet things like pie, cake, pudding and a little of everything else, that, by the time you were through eating it all, you were ready to die. If you could eat like that every day, you would either weigh 400 pounds in the first week, or die of sugar and hardening of the arteries.

Santa (Jack Smith) was as jolly as ever, and was assisted by a cute little elf (Shirley Smith).

The kids looked like they ranged in age from newborn to about 15 years of

age. The little ones cried, at times, when they were taken to Santa but, very patiently, he handled them all with the loving care that only Santa has.

Every child went home with a gift appropriate for his/her age, and I must say that Mrs. Smith did an excellent job of picking out the gifts for the children.

There were gifts left over at the end of the party, so Santa decided that we at the paper should find good homes for them, and we are in the process of doing that.

The Wayne County Coon Hunters Association of Romulus seems to be a very good organization. It does many things in the area that *The Romulus News* will inform you about in future issues.

By the way, Santa said to tell all of you kids to be good, and he will see you on Christmas (although you may not see him!). Be sure to leave his cookies and milk — he looked like he had lost a little bit of his belly! □



Romulus Gets New Postmaster

On December 10, 1987, Romulus got a new Postmaster by the name of Donna Hoevermeyer. Hoevermeyer was actually appointed October 24 of this year, but was just sworn in on the tenth.

Hoevermeyer has been with the Postal Service for 15 years, and has come up through the ranks very quickly. I overheard one person ask her something about it being another achievement for the movement of NOW, but it is believed that simple hard work and diligence had all to do with her promotion rather than some organizational movement.

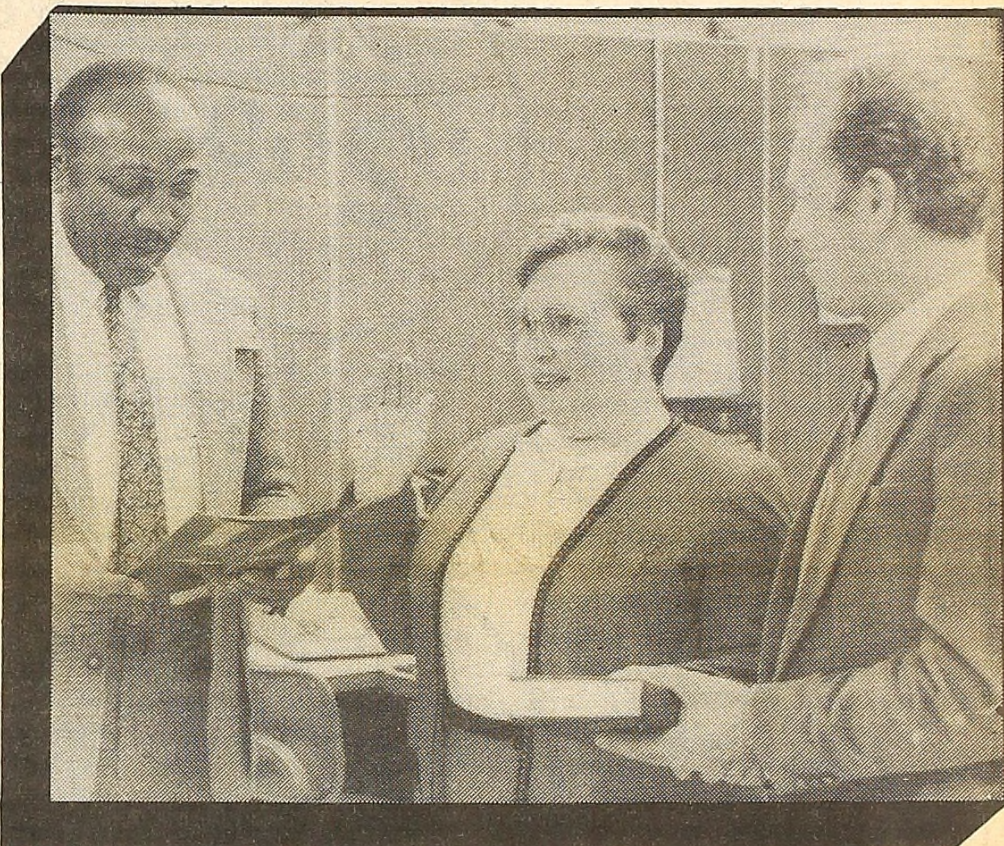
The Romulus Post Office has, until recently, been under the very watchful eye of ex-Postmaster Martha Wensko, who has been here for the last ten years

and did an excellent job. Wensko had to retire because of failing health.

The Post Office was filled to the maximum with dignitaries such as John Talick, Director of Field Operations, and John Horne, Postmaster of Detroit. There was one face, usually present at important events, that was absent — that of Mayor McAnally. It evidently was an oversight on the part of the Postal Service that she wasn't invited.

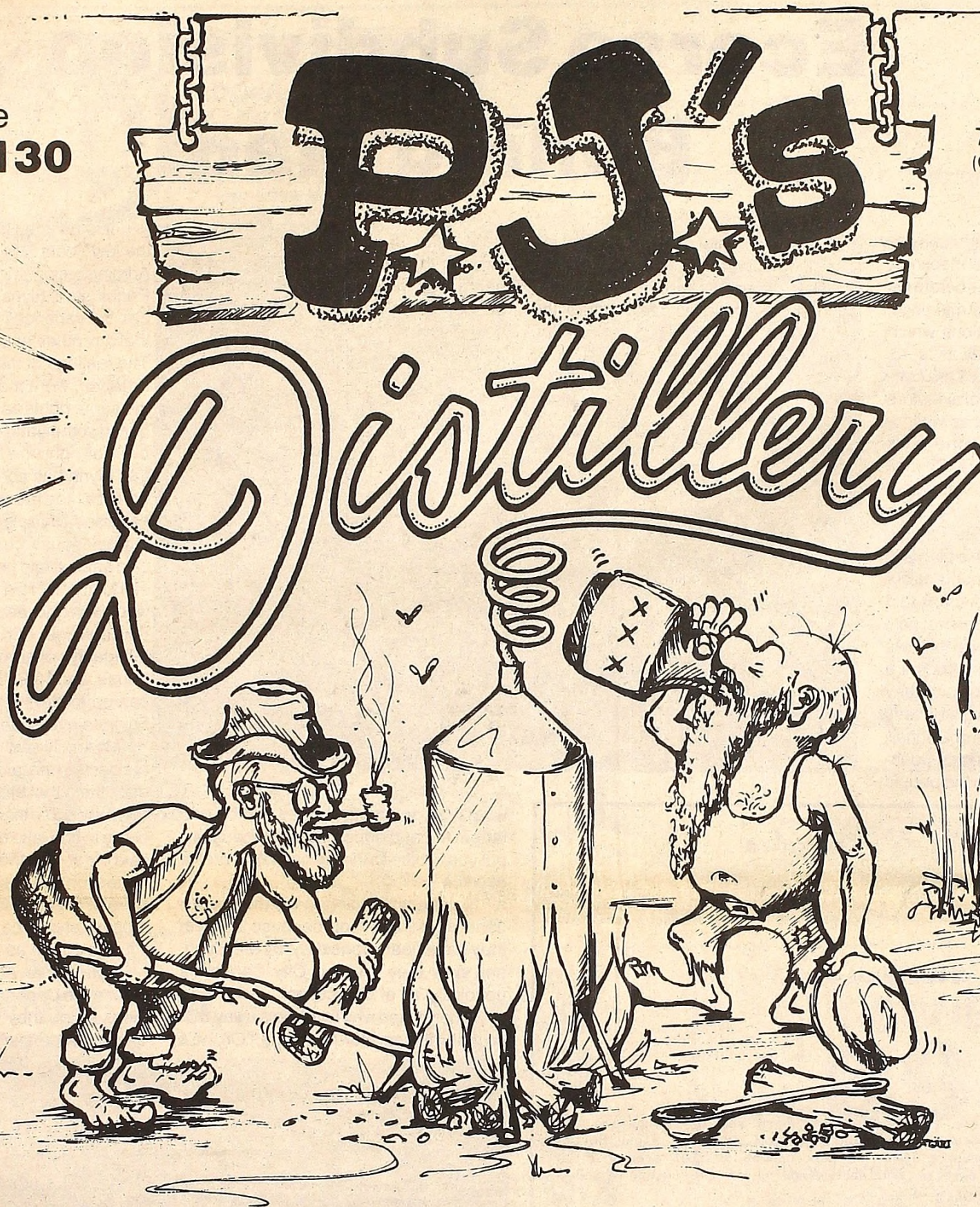
Coffee and donuts were served to guests, and the atmosphere was a positive one.

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Ecorse Subdivision Boiling Mad!

by D. A. Atkins

It seems that, with the current happenings at City Hall and the Council meetings, we have some very trying times before us. During the last two City Council meetings, Council has been taking actions which may follow the letter of the law as far as the City Charter and Ordinances are concerned, but many feel that moral factors should be taken into account as well.

The hot issue is Wendell Flynn and his Airport Parking business. The Council Chambers recently exploded with angry residents screaming at the top of their lungs over Flynn and his antics.

Council wanted to approve a plan that would let Flynn extend his parking lot, but the citizens in the Ecorse subdivision said they do not want him to get approval until he decides he has to comply with the laws just like everyone else. It has become a moral matter with the citizens, and they say they are not going to stand still for any more shenanigans from Flynn or Council.

When Raspberry, newly elected Council member, tried to explain to the people



"It is not the Council's job to enforce the law," said Ellis Pennington, "it is the Administration's job." According to Mr. Pennington, Flynn has the same right to ask for variances and zoning changes that any other land owner in the City has. The feelings of the citizens interviewed, however, were that Mr. Flynn may have the same rights as any other land owner, but any other land owner would probably be in jail right now for the same violations that Flynn has committed.

One lady named "Mary" was said to have been threatened by Flynn with having her house condemned by the City. She said he told her that, if she refused to sell to him, he had power at City Hall and would have her house condemned so that he could get her property anyway. He (allegedly) offered her \$25,000 for her house, and \$2,500 for her property. That seems to be the going rate offered by Flynn to everyone in that area.

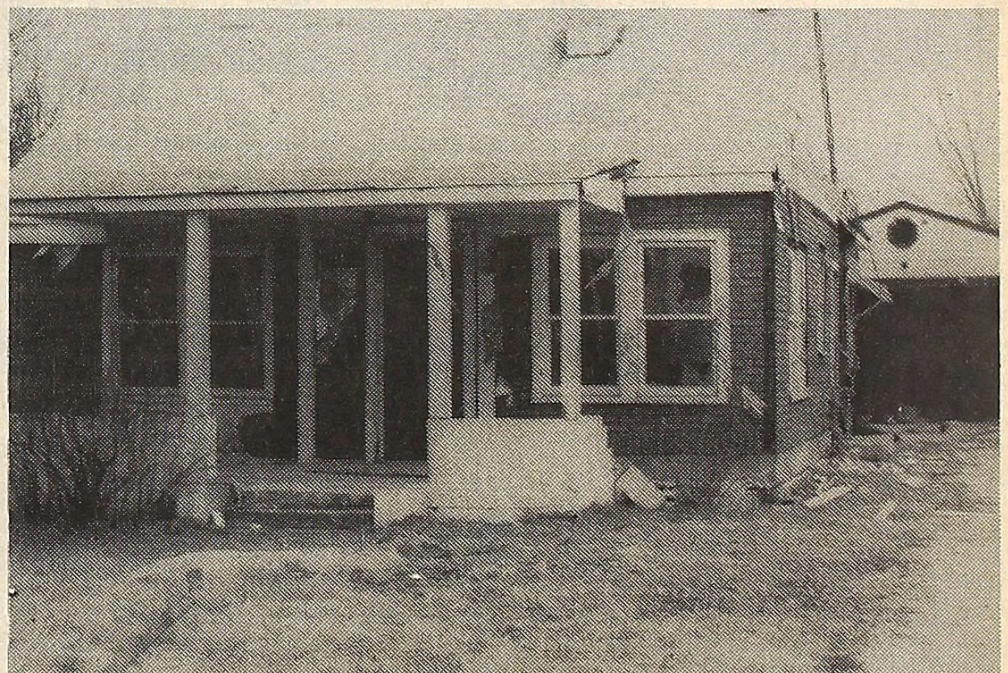
McAnally said she sent a letter to the residents in that area in 1986 and explained to them that their homes would not be condemned so that some developer could come in and take over their property. She said the zoning that now exists is the best protection the residents could possibly have. It is zoned BT, which means their property should be worth much more than if it was zoned as residential.

Councilman Alan Lambert said of the Ordinance Department, "I think, with what they've got, they try to do a good job. They're understaffed, but they try to do a

what was going on, he was told by one lady in the audience, "Mr. Raspberry, we put you in office, and we can take you out of office."

No one was going to tell these residents anything, simply because they feel they have been 'done dirty' by Mr. Flynn, and now they feel the City Council is upholding all of his actions.

When asked why Flynn gets away with so many things, McAnally said, "Oh, he's



not getting away with what he is doing. As a matter of fact, we presently have him in Circuit Court on some criminal charges."

She also said that, once her ordinance officers have issued a citation for a violation of an ordinance, the person is allowed a certain amount of time to get the violation cleared up. If it is not cleared up, then he is taken to court to let the judge decide what to do.

good job."

When asked about the Flynn proposal to change the zoning of the Ecorse subdivision, Mr. Lambert said, "I just didn't feel my colleagues on the Council were listening to what the people were saying." He continued, "I'm the first person for development of the community, but not at the expense of the people. I don't think

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City of Romulus

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BEVERLY McANALLY

February, 1986

Dear Citizens:

I am writing to you because I know you have been seeing or hearing about the increased building and development which is taking place along Merriman Road near Smith Road. I expect that the development of that area will continue and I want you to have a good understanding of the things which are taking place and how they may effect you.

The most important thing for you to know is that all the things which are happening are as a result of private investment and enterprise. Perhaps some of you have already been approached with offers or inquiries about the possibility of buying your properties. These are approaches from private businessmen who do not represent the City.

Please understand that whether you sell or not is your choice. You are under no threat from the City to sell your homes; there is no plan to condemn or confiscate properties for this or any other development. The City is not involved in anyway except through our ordinances and codes to insure that the development that takes place is in compliance. We are also assisting to provide the needed improvements to roads and drains in a manner that will not be of cost to our citizens.

Please be careful, however, that you look out for your own best interests. We feel that properties in your area will be valuable in the future. If you are approached with an offer to buy, please consult with experienced professionals before you enter into any agreements with anyone.

All the controls are in your hands, no one can force you to do anything you do not wish to do. If you act wisely, the activities in your area can be very beneficial to you.

If there are any questions you would like to ask, please feel free to call us at 941-0666.

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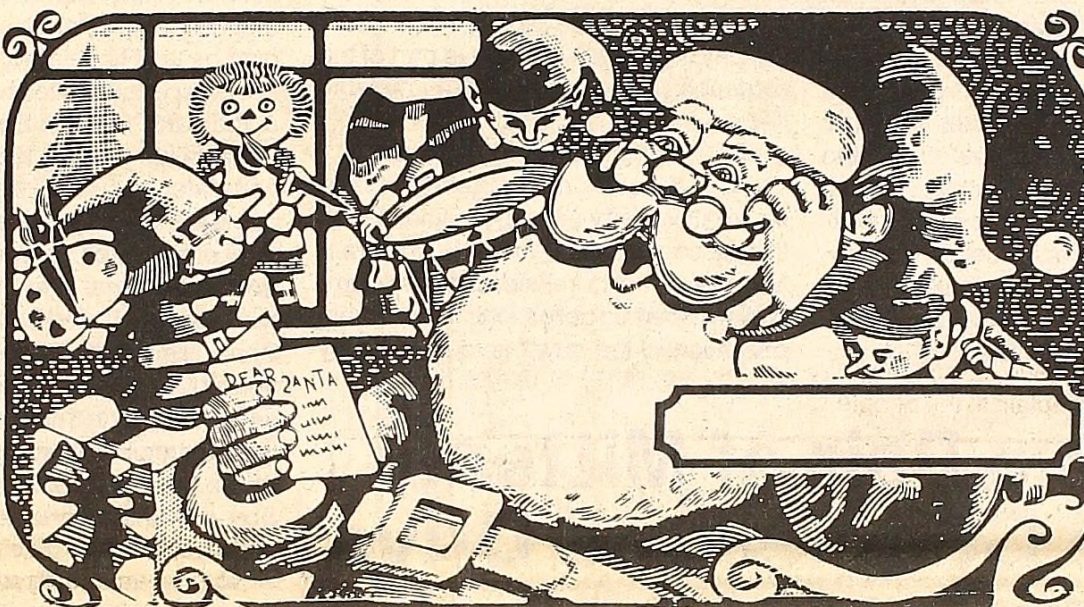
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Romulus Teachers Receive State Grants

by Ferrel M. LeCesne

Three Romulus Schools' teachers were awarded State Board of Education teacher mini-grant awards for innovative instructional programs.

The awards were granted to Phyllis Cebula and Gail Coleman, Romulus Senior High teachers, and Laura Shannon, a teacher at the Beacon Day Treatment Center.

Beginning in 1985, the State Board of Education initiated the grant program to encourage teachers to compete for funding of new, innovative and creative approaches to instruction.

Individual teacher mini-grants awards range from \$250-\$500. Coleman and Cebula received \$450 and Shannon got \$402.

There were a total of fourteen mini-grant applications submitted by Romulus teachers.

The senior high funds will be used to bring in authors of youth novels and other activities designed to motivate students to read during Michigan's Reading Month. Beacon funds will be used to invite speakers in to discuss crucial issues with students, such as decision making, substance abuse, self-esteem and other topics of interest to students. □

It's the Law

by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

Q. What does the term 'fixture' mean in a real estate transaction?

A. A fixture denotes personal property which has become affixed to the real estate with some degree of permanence. Generally, fixtures are transferred with the real estate being sold. When selling a home such items as wall to wall carpeting, windows, doors, and wall or ceiling lights are usually considered fixtures, and as such, are included in the sale of the home. If there is any doubt as to what is a fixture the buyer should itemize the fixtures to be included in the sale and include this list in the purchase agreement.

Q. Should I demand a survey before purchasing a home?

A. Every buyer should request a survey to confirm what she/he has been told about the home. Normally the Seller will pay for the survey, as it is part of the evidence provided to show marketable title.

Q. What is a 'Land Contract'?

A. A Land Contract serves to convey real property and also to finance the transaction. A Land Contract is a contractual agreement to transfer title upon completion of certain obligations. The primary obligation of the buyer is to pay money

according to a certain schedule. The primary obligation of the seller is to convey title once the payments are completed. Normally the buyer takes possession of the property once the contract is signed but does not obtain the title to the property until all the payments have been made. Thus the Seller retains legal title of the property until all payments have been made. In the interim, the Buyer holds an equitable interest in the property. Generally, a Land Contract is attractive when the buyer seeks a lower interest rate than available from a financial institution, and the Seller wants to offer a lower interest rate in order to sell the property. □

Rush Florist

Rush Florist sits on the oldest settled piece of land in Romulus. Samuel Tobine built the house in the early 1800s, and that house still stands and is now occupied by the Rush family.

Peter Rush started his floral business in the early 1900s in Detroit, and moved to Romulus around 1932. Four generations later, the Rush family still owns and operates the greenhouses, although the house has been moved about 500 feet from the original site.

Peter Rush died in 1972, and his wife, Anna, died in 1968. Edward Rush continued the family business after Peter retired, and Edward died in 1971. Edward's wife, Nancy, is still living and is the mother of Ed, who now operates the business. Ed is proud of his business and also very proud of his grandfather and dad, and what they accomplished in their fruitful years.

The store is beautiful and the display room is full of various plants and flowers. Most of their potted plants are grown in the greenhouse. They specialize in poinsettias, chrysanthemums, lilies, geraniums, impatiens, and hanging flowers.

The site of Rush Florist is something to behold, especially if you are something of a history buff. Ed can tell you many stories about the land. But, in the mean time, for a full line of floral arrangements, homegrown, you might want to stop by Rush Florist, the oldest florist in the City of Romulus. □

Ordinance Information

As part of its community service, *The Romulus News* is printing certain City ordinances that residents may not be aware of. Hopefully, this will help you in understanding your rights and responsibilities as a Romulus citizen.

City of Romulus

Chapter XVI, Article 1 (as amended)

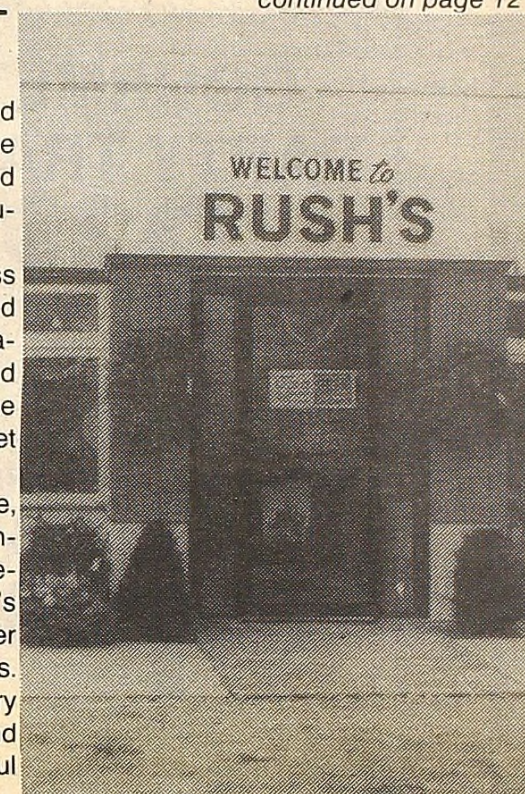
An ordinance to facilitate the removal of snow from public streets during a weather emergency.

Short Title: Weather Emergency Snow
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Give a Pair of Mittens to the Goodfellows Drive

DECEMBER 1987 CALENDAR OF EVENTS HALECREEK SCHOOL — ART McPHARLIN, PRINCIPAL

DAY	SPECIAL EVENTS	TIME (PM)	ROOM
17	Vocal Music Christmas Program	1:00	Gym
	Halecreek Hawk Award Drawing	8:50	
18	Positive Discipline Programs	1:00	Clusters
	Christmas Vacation Begins	2:45	
DAY	WEEKLY ACTIVITIES	TIME (PM)	ROOM
M	After-School Program (3rd & 4th Grades)	2:45-4:45	Gym
	Cub Scout Pack 1739 — Den 7	2:45-4:30	Cafeteria
	Cub Scout Pack 1739 — Den 6	2:45-4:30	Art
	Karate Class	6:00-8:00	Cafeteria
	Brownie Troop 291	6:30-7:30	Gym
T	After-School Program (5th & 6th Grades)	2:45-4:45	Gym
	Bible Club	2:45-4:00	Music
	Cub Scouts	2:45-4:00	Art
	Cub Scouts — Den 3	4:00-6:30	Art
	Basketball Practice/St. Aloysius	5:30-9:30	Gym
	Brownie Troop 174	6:30-7:30	Music
	First Tuesday of the Month — Tiger Cubs	6:30-7:30	Art
	Third Tuesday of the Month —	7:00-9:00	Art
	Cub Scout Adult Meeting		
W	P.A.L. Program for Four-Year-Olds (AM)	9:30-11:00	Rm. 3
	After-School Program (3rd & 4th Grades)	2:45-4:45	Gym
	Game Schedule: 12/2 at Cory,	3:45	
	12/9 at Hayti, 12/17 at Merriman		
	Basketball Practice/St. Aloysius	5:30-9:30	Gym
T	After-School Program (5th & 6th Grades)	2:45-4:45	Gym
	Game Schedule: 12/2 at Cory,	3:45	
	12/9 at Hayti, 12/16 at Merriman)		
	Basketball Practice/St. Aloysius	5:30-9:30	Gym
	Girl Scout Troop 215	6:00-7:00	Library
	Cub Scouts	6:00-7:00	Art
	Children's Theatre Group	6:30-8:00	Music
	Monthly Pack Meeting (on Last Thursday)	7:00-9:00	Cafeteria
F	Webelos Meeting	5:00-6:00	Art
	Basketball Practice/St. Aloysius	5:30-9:30	Gym



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Secretary of State to Close

The Office of the Secretary of State in Romulus is scheduled to close sometime in February, 1988. If this closing does happen, then the residents of Romulus will have to go to Belleville, Taylor or Wayne to conduct their business.

It would seem that this would be a great injustice to most of the residents in this town. In the event that Mr. Austin does not know it, there are 35 square miles in Romulus, and the town is growing by leaps and bounds. The sad thing, according to Representative Kosteva, is that the

Romulus office is one of the lowest-cost offices in the County, with its total operating cost being about \$80,000 per year, which puts it in the low end of the State's outlay for that kind of service.

The *Romulus News* talked to Rep. Kosteva last week, and he informed us that he would like to see an outpouring of letters into his office so that he can present them to Mr. Austin and the powers that be so that the office can be kept in the downtown area of Romulus.

If you feel you would like to keep the Secretary of State Office in Romulus, please fill out the blank below, sign it and mail it immediately to this paper. We will see to it that they are all mailed to Rep. Kosteva. We need at least three hundred forms to send to him but, please, fill out only one form per family or it may be ignored.

Note: Please send the form to: *The Romulus News*, 36615 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI 48174. □

Kiwanis Party

The Romulus Kiwanis held its annual Christmas Party on December 10 at Fire Station Number 4. Most all members were on hand for the festivities, and a speech was given by local minister Randy Swink, of Romulus Wesleyan Church. Songs were sung by all in attendance, drawings for flowers took place, delicious food was served and everyone had a great time.

As *The Romulus News* has said once before, the Kiwanis is a very important part of the community, and there should be more people involved. If you have spare time that you would like to take up by doing something useful, contact the Romulus Kiwanis and get details on how to join and help those who need the help that you can give. □

New Sales Lady

The Romulus News welcomes to its staff a lady who will be assisting Mr. Atkins in the paper's Sales Department. She is Jeanine (pronounced Janeen) Wafer-Frison, and she has done an excellent job since joining the paper in the beginning of December.

Jeanine is a single mother who lives in Romulus, and her son Jerome attends school in the Romulus School District.

Advertisers and prospective advertisers, please welcome this lady to your place of business — she is more than happy to assist you with any of your advertising needs.

Jeanine is a former employee of Associated News, and is looking forward to a bright and prosperous career with *The Romulus News*. Welcome aboard, Jeanine! □



Dear Mr. Kosteva,

We citizens of Romulus feel it is a great injustice for the Secretary of State, Mr. Austin, to consider closing down our local branch of the Secretary of State Office. It would create a great hardship for everyone in this city, especially the senior citizens and handicapped. Please do whatever you can to see our local branch of the Secretary of State in Romulus remains at its present location.

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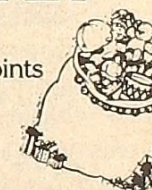


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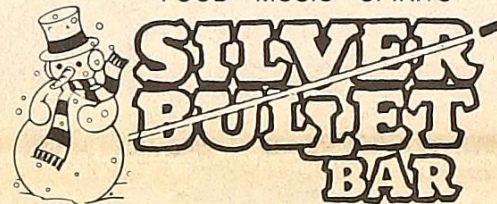
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people should have to suffer like the people in that neighborhood have. I mean, we're all elected to serve the people to the best of our ability, and I don't think having the people treated and intimidated by Flynn the way they are is serving the good of the people."

Lambert added, "I don't feel obligated to him (Flynn) and I don't think the Council has to give him anything. We have given him other rezonings, and he has done just whatever he has wanted to. I feel we have to put our foot down and just let the man know that the City is not going to take it, having our residents pushed around."

When asked why he got so angry at the Council meeting, he said he finally got the floor after asking several times, and

Mr. Raspberry wasn't paying attention to him. A man in the audience said Lambert had never been to the neighborhood when, in fact, Lambert had been in the neighborhood several times, trying to find out the needs of the people. He said that, evidently, the man thought he (Lambert) was going to go along with the rest of the Council and that is what caused him to become so upset.

When *The Romulus News* did interviews with two of the residents of the Ecorse subdivision, we were told that there is some pretty strong talk amongst the residents concerning the possible recall of some Council members if matters do not get taken care of to their satisfaction, and soon. □



Auto Theft Elimination Effort

On December 7, 1987, Romulus Police Officers Schwartz and Lazarski initiated an investigation into a chop shop at 6200 Heyer Street, Romulus. They obtained a search warrant for the location and called the Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit to assist.

A partially stripped 1978 Ford and a 20-foot speedboat were confirmed stolen and recovered. These items have a fair market value of \$22,500.

A jeep, boat motor, boat trailer, dual axle trailer, and other boat parts were seized. These items are believed to be stolen and have a value of \$13,500.

Tools used in the operation of a chop shop were confiscated. These include air compressors, cutting torches, welders, and hand and power tools. These tools have an estimated value of \$8,000.

Suspects are now being identified. Prosecution and forfeitures will be sought under the Chop Shop Law.

The Western Auto Theft Task Force extended thanks and compliments for a job well done to Officers Schwartz and Lazarski, and thanked Sergeant Poe for his valuable help in the execution of the search warrant.

In another effort by the group, Officers Liebert and Brandemill pursued a stolen car and arrested Benjamin James Timmer of Wayne on November 12. These officers then turned the case over to Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit Officer Michael Coffey for follow-up and prosecution.

A warrant for UDAA (Unauthorized Driving Away an Automobile) and Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property was obtained. Timmer was arrested and placed in the Wayne County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 bond. The ensuing investigation led to the recovery of twelve stolen vehicles with a value of \$142,000. Several other suspects have been identified and are being investigated.

Western Auto Theft Task Force Commanding Officer Christopher P. Hogan gave Officers Liebert and Brandemill commendations and thanks for the great effort. □

Removal Ordinance

The City of Romulus Ordains:

Section 1 — Definitions

a. Motor Vehicle — shall mean any vehicle which is self-propelled including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, motor homes, motorcycles, buses, and snowmobiles.

b. Trailer — shall mean any vehicle, with or without motor power, designed for carrying property or persons and for being drawn by a motor vehicle.

c. Parking — shall mean leaving a vehicle or trailer, whether occupied or not, upon a public street or highway when not loading or unloading or making necessary emergency repairs.

d. Street or Highway — shall mean the entire width between the boundary lines of right-of-way publicly maintained when any part thereof is opened to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

Section 2

Chapter XVI, Article 1, Section 11, of the Weather Emergency Snow Removal Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

No Parking — Snow Removal

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to park, or to allow to remain parked, any vehicle on any street in this City (a) upon which there has accumulated snow or ice to a depth of three (3) inches or more, or (b) during emergencies as declared by the Mayor of the City of Romulus.

b. The Chief of Police or his designated representative shall have the authority to tow away said vehicles at owner's expense which are in violation of this Ordinance.

Section 3

Chapter XVI, Article 1, Section 111, of the Weather Emergency Snow Removal Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

Penalty

a. A violation of this Section shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. □

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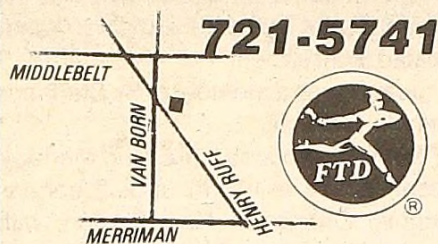
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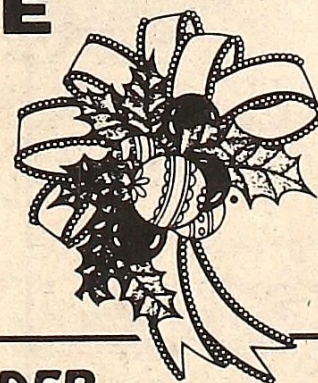


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New Romulus Resident

Ryan David Kalasz

Regina Means and David Kalasz, of Smith Road in Romulus, are proud to announce the arrival of their new son, Ryan David Kalasz. Ryan was born on November 17, 1987, at 2:29 p.m. at Beyer Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz., and measured 22½ inches.

Ryan's parents, his maternal grandparents, Robert and Rose Means of Fern-dale in Romulus, and his paternal grandparents, George and Sandy Fox of Pasadena in Ypsilanti, welcome him warmly into the family. □

Wedding Bells

Marilyn Marie Roberts and Thomas Clark Hopson, of Tyler Road in Romulus, were married on November 28, 1987, at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Taylor. Marilyn is the daughter of Robert and Mary Ann Perry of Pontiac, and Thomas is the son of Lloyd Hopson of Belleville.

The ceremony was officiated by the Reverend Larry Hawkins. The Maid of Honor was the bride's sister, Marie Perry, and Thomas Hopson III, the groom's son, was the Best Man. Andy Hopson, another of the groom's sons, and John Roberts, the bride's son, were the Ushers. The Flower Girl was Beth Ann Roberts, the bride's daughter, and Timmy Roberts, the bride's son, was the Ring Bearer.

The reception, a buffet supper for 150 persons, was held at the Forge Banquet Room in Taylor. □

Obituaries

Jozefa Opatkiewicz

Jozefa Opatkiewicz, of 36929 Fern-dale, Romulus, died December 10, 1987, at Heritage Hospital in Taylor. She was 90 years old.

Jozefa was the beloved mother of Mrs. Jane Pokrywki, Stanley J. Opatkiewicz and Edward A. Opatkiewicz. She was the dear sister of Joseph Pelc, and grandmother of three.

Jozefa was a member of St. Stephens Catholic Church.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 14, at 10 a.m. at St. Stephens Catholic Church in New Boston, with Father Alexander Wytrwal officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park. Arrangements were made by Baum-Crane Funeral Home, Romulus. □

Pamela Jo Humphrey

Pamela Jo Humphrey, age 25, passed away November 10, 1987. She had been ill for several years with Lupus.

Pamela was the daughter of Lois Elswick of Taylor, the granddaughter of Curtis and Thelma McCown of Romulus, the sister of Gregory, Jamie and Michelle, and the niece of Ellis Pennington, Romulus City Councilman. She is sadly missed by her loved ones.

Pamela was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Romulus. She was buried at Michigan Memorial Park on November 13, and Marvin Hawbaker, of Calvary Baptist Church, was the funeral pastor. □



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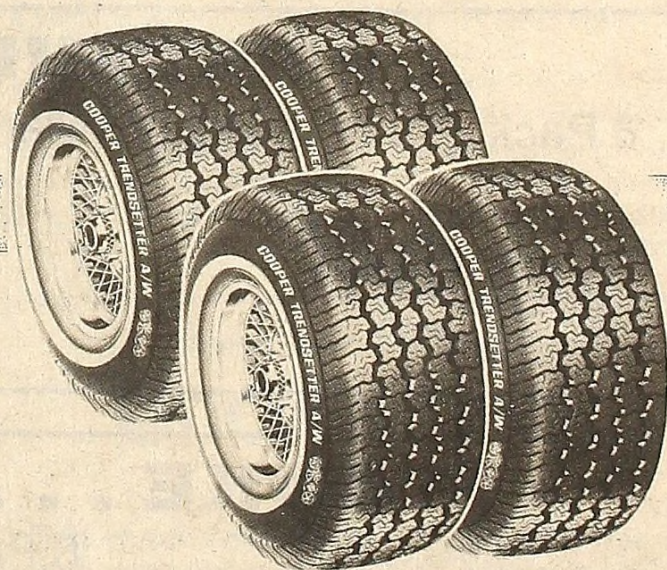
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SPORTS IN ROMULUS

Cheering to a Victory

by Christine Fortune

On the weekend of December 4, the Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleaders left Romulus for the 1987 Centreville Invitational Cheerleading Competition. Those girls attending were: Varsity; Denise Feliciano, Shannon Connolly, Tonya Rutledge, Christine Fortune, Judie Miller, Jodie Miller, Makela Grundy, and Cyndi Freitag. J.V.; Becky Bales, Kim Seabolt, Beth Bergman, Denise Chafins, and Jodi Brothers. After two long weeks of extra and extended practices, the girls were more than ready for the competition.

After a comfortable night at the Sturgis Holiday Inn, the girls went to Centreville High at 9 a.m. Saturday, and were signed in. There were warm-ups at 9:30, and at 10:30, the competition began. Romulus Junior Varsity was first in a line of seven J.V. teams for a leadership cheer. They did well for their very first competition, but all the J.V. girls feel that their being first helped the other squads 'learn from their mistakes.' Their 'mistakes' apparently weren't too bad, because they walked away with a second-place trophy.

Denise Feliciano competed in the individual cheer category. Although she didn't place, seeing her out there doing so well gave all the girls a BIG boost of confidence that they all needed. (Thanks, Denise, from all of us.)

Romulus Varsity was fifth in a line of 12 varsity teams for leadership and creative cheers. On the creative cheer, during the routine, Jodie Miller lost her shoe, which sent the crowd roaring. All the cheerleaders think that's one of the best things that could've happened (Way to go, Shoe!), because Varsity took a first-place victory overall.

A very special thanks to Athletic Director Fred Coleman, Coach Serena Hardrick, and Deanna Kushner for making it all possible.

Can't wait 'til January's competition, right girls? □

Volleyball News

The 1987 volleyball season has arrived, and for the Romulus Senior High School Lady Eagles, it is looking very promising. This year's team is built around six well-skilled and experienced seniors. A strong defense will be provided by Co-Captain Kim Lyles, Lisa Gibson, Dennise

Corder and Chris Murray. Setting duties will be Co-Captain Jennifer Beck's, as she sets up the attack for a powerful hitting Sheri Hampton.

Rounding out the team will be juniors Laurie Berlinn, who, at 6'3", will provide excellent blocking, and Mikki DiBenedetto, who will share the setting duties. Julie Machcinski, Amy McDonald, Kim Picciano and Deanna Dague will all add depth, both offensively and defensively, to the team.

The season opens with the Romulus Holiday Invitational to be held Tuesday, December 22 (J.V.) and Wednesday, December 23 (Varsity). If you enjoy volleyball, come on out — you'll get an eye-full!

Lady Eagles, good luck, and have a great season. □

J.V. Volleyball News

by Dennis Stoh, JV. Volleyball Coach

After completion of tryouts, the J.V. volleyball team has been selected for the 1987-88 season. Members of the squad include sophomores Susan Hamel, Chris Stratton, Rose Trosin, Melissa Spears, Stacy Cowens, Becky Szente, and Yvette Mason, and freshmen Brooke Hammers, Jennifer Daniel, Michele Scarrow, Angie Slawinski, Tammy Trubilowicz, Renee Bitner, Sue Molenda, and Kristie Manson.

Last season, the J.V.s posted a great 33-5 record. This year's Co-Captains, Susan Hamel and Chris Stratton, two excellent players from the 86-87 team, will join Stacy Cowens as the experience needed to lead Romulus to another fine season. The big questions for this squad seem to be: 1) How to replace Laurie Berlinn as a frontline blocker, 2) How fast the fine-looking freshmen players progress, and 3) Can we compete successfully in the new league?

The first competition for the volleyball season is set for Tuesday, December 22, when the Eagles will host the Romulus J.V. Tournament. Teams participating in the tournament are: Trenton, Cabrini, Belleville, Ladywood, Pontiac Catholic, Jackson, and Mt. Carmel. Romulus defeated Belleville to win last year's championship, so the Eagles will be eager to defend their crown against a strong field of J.V. teams. Play gets underway at 9 a.m. on December 22, and we hope there's a great turnout of family, friends, and volleyball enthusiasts. □

THE POLICE BEAT

by D. A. Atkins

RHS Student Arrested

On Friday, December 11, a truant student from Romulus Senior High School was arrested for making a bomb threat over the telephone. The subject will be petitioned to juvenile court.

I-94 Patrols Working

The Romulus Police, in a combined effort with the Michigan State Police and the Taylor Police, are surely cracking down on speeders on I-94. There is an average of 100 tickets being written per week, and most of them for hazardous situations which cause accidents, according to Romulus Police Chief Wilmoth.

"We are giving lots of verbal warnings and are still writing an average of 100 violations each week," said the Chief.

ball enthusiasts. □

Boys Basketball

by Laurie Berlinn

The 1987 Romulus Boys Varsity basketball team has begun its season and is off on the right foot. The Eagles began with a non-conference game against Belleville.

The Eagles proved they could not be defeated, with a come-from-behind 63-51 victory over their rivals, and also proved that defense does win the game. They came out after the half and held Belleville scoreless until 1:37 was left in the third quarter. The Eagles scored 23 consecutive points.

Senior guard Willie Maull sank seven of eight free throws in the final few minutes to add to his total of 20 for the night.

Brent Bonam, a 6'4" senior, added 16 points, including two of four three-pointers, to Maull's score and senior Alan Hudson's 11 points and 22 rebounds for an all-around great performance.

Also scoring, with six points apiece, were Grayam Scott and Eric Lightsey. Virgil Davis added two.

Treg Gilstorf, Wayne Owens, and Sterl Buckley helped in the back court by playing great defense.

The team really looked forward to this game, and has very high hopes for the season ahead. With four of the five starters returning from last year's District Champs team, the 1987 Eagles should be a team not to be taken lightly. □

Romulus vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer

On Friday evening, December 11, the Romulus Eagles Varsity basketball team evened its record at 1-1 with a disappointing loss to Ann Arbor Pioneer. The final score was 80-66. "We were dominated on the boards by a good team," stated Coach Henry, "but I also think we

Working the expressways is quite different from working surface streets. It takes a lot of getting used to.

The crackdown is working so well, as a matter of fact, that Van Buren Police Department will be covering a six-mile stretch of their area in conjunction with the task force. That will mean that the complete area from east of Taylor to west of Belleville will be covered by the enforcement project. Wilmoth said it is working so well that the cities of Dearborn and Allen Park are inquiring as to how they can join the effort.

Along with the issuance of traffic violations, there have been many people arrested who have warrants out for their arrest for one reason or another. □

may have been a little flat coming off our home-opener victory over neighboring Belleville."

The Eagles were led by the scoring of senior guard Willie Maull and senior forward Brent Bonam, and, once again, the rebounding chores were handled by senior forward Alan Hudson.

"We started out a little sluggish tonight, and Pioneer never let up on us. It's just the beginning of what looks to be an exciting year for this team. If we play together as a team we're going to win our share of games this year. Alan is doing a great job on the boards for us, and if we can get him some help and a little more scoring from our other starters and the bench, we'll be okay."

The J.V. Eagle team also evened its record to 1-1 with a 59-55 overtime victory. The J.V. Eagles were led by Torry Mills, Johnny Chambers, Kelvin Brown, Maurice Bridges and Larry Perkins. Subs Eric Robinson and Chris Brown also contributed to this total team effort. □

Varsity Wrestling

by Dennis Corder

The Romulus Varsity Wrestling team is off to a great start. The team is currently 5-0 in dual meets. It has won over Monroe Catholic Central 67-3, Dundee 35-32, Plymouth Salem 39-24, Airport 54-14, and Livonia Churchill 60-14.

The team placed seventh out of 19 teams at the Bedford Tournament.

The team was led by senior Tony Ventucini, who placed first.

Other top finishers include: Paul Nowicki (third at H.W.T.) Tim Kosikowski (third at 112 pounds) Bruce Boyd (fifth at 119 pounds) Dennis Corder (fifth at 126 pounds) Ricky Champagne (fifth at 132 pounds)

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Fiction

I told her I was really sorry for her but I didn't see how I could help her. She told me she really didn't expect anyone to help her, but she thanked me for the kindness I had shown by listening to her story. She slowly turned her aged body around and walked down the sidewalk, into the snow that was really coming down heavily now, and soon she was out of sight.

I walked past the large plate-glass window with the big funny looking man in the red and white suit, beard hanging down to his lap, with his Ho, Ho, Ho, and turned into a doorway where music was coming from — music that was not of the Holiday season, but music to drink by. After all, it was getting pretty chilly outside, and a couple of drinks wouldn't hurt anyone.

One drink led to another, and pretty soon the lights started to go around the room in a most unusual manner, so I thought I had better go.

I walked out of the bar and turned right toward the stop light, with the packages I had bought just a short time ago in my hand. I noticed, out of the corner of my eye, the old man with the cane again. He was just standing there looking at me, saying nothing. Why does he bother me so much? I can't see his face, but he acts like he knows me.

A bit of fear ran through my body, but again I didn't know why. I hurried toward the stop light so I could get across the street to my car. The light was green; I could go now.

I stepped off the curb onto the street, when I felt a sharp pain in my side, back and neck. I looked up, and there were people gathering around me. I heard someone ask who I was, but no one knew. The pain was terrible, and the headlights from the car above me seemed like the lights of a train at full throttle.

I tried to speak, but no one heard me. I looked up again and there was the old man with the cane, looking down at me. All of a sudden he was the only person I could see or hear. He looked down at me with eyes of molten steel set back in his head. I still couldn't see his face. His back was to the headlights of the car.

I asked who he was and he said, "Who I am, or who I was, is not important to you now. What was important to you, you never cared for. You never cared for your parents or your friends. All you ever cared about was yourself and your money. Your money bought you everything — everything except real happiness, the kind of happiness you could only find with your family, and sharing with others!"

The lights started dimming and the pain got worse — like my whole body was going to explode. The old man turned slightly toward the lights and took off his hat. I could still see him enough to see he no longer had the cane, and his hair was as white as silver. I asked him again who he was. There was no other noise around me now, just the lights on his face, and his face got brighter and brighter. "Who are you?"

His eyes had changed from the molten steel to a soft, shimmering glow. He looked at me and softly said, "I am Alpha and Omega!" □

Health

ney disease, are associated with an increased risk of heart disease. Studies of survivors of heart attacks have shown that these persons have high triglyceride levels. Whether or not triglycerides are directly involved with the development of atherosclerosis has not yet been determined; however, they can be very helpful in identifying persons with an increased risk of heart disease. The National Institutes of Health has recently published the following recommendations or when high triglyceride levels ought to be treated:

- Triglyceride levels in excess of 500 milligrams per 100 milliliters of blood should be reduced by treatment (diet, exercise, or medication).
- Triglyceride levels in the range of 250 to 500 milligrams per 10 milliliters of blood, when accompanied by other risk factors for heart disease, should also be treated.

Regulating Blood Cholesterol and Triglyceride Levels

Diet is considered the most effective means of lowering total blood cholesterol and triglyceride levels. Reducing total fat consumption and emphasizing the use of polyunsaturated fats in preference to animal fats will, for most people, result in lowered blood levels of both cholesterol and triglycerides.

Similar effects can be achieved by increased exercise. In addition, increased exercise has been shown to increase the level of protective HDL-cholesterol. Cutting out smoking will also have beneficial effects. Smoking is a major risk factor for heart disease, and blood levels of HDL have been found to be lower in smokers than in nonsmokers, further increasing the risk of heart disease.

There are also drugs that help regulate cholesterol and triglyceride levels, either by increasing the removal of these lipids from the body or by reducing the body's production of them. If diet and exercise alone are not enough to control cholesterol and triglycerides, your doctor may prescribe a medication to regulate the balance of lipid carriers (LDL) and lipid removers (HDL). The medication is intended to work along with diet and exercise — not in place of them.

Summing Up

High blood levels of cholesterol and triglycerides are associated with an increased risk of heart disease. The high-fat diet consumed by most Americans may provoke high levels of cholesterol and triglycerides. Reducing consumption of animal fats, losing excess weight, and increasing exercise can lower total cholesterol and triglyceride levels and increase levels of the protective HDL-cholesterol. □



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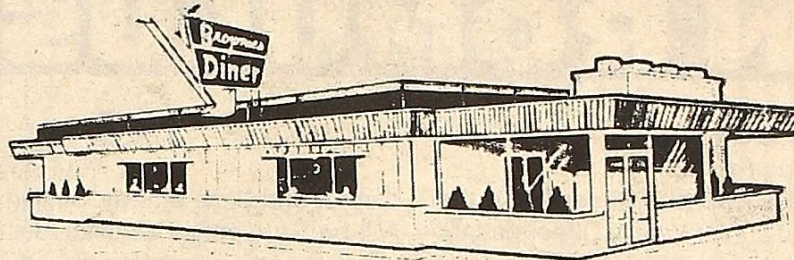
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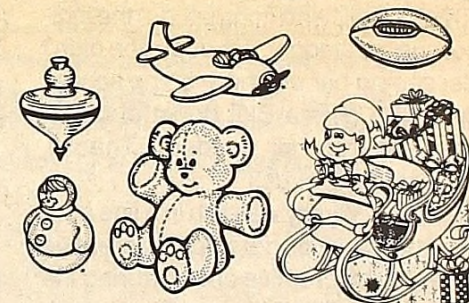
The One That Didn't Get Away!

To the Editors of *The Romulus News*:

Enclosed please find the results of my very first bow hunting trip, a 10-point, 190-pound buck. I bought the bow from Springers Archery in August, but was only able to shoot it once before the hunt. So, after arriving at the hunting site three hours late at 9 a.m., I found a trail that looked promising, chose a suitable spot alongside the trail, and set up shop.

After about ten minutes, I took out a Snickers candy bar and commenced eating. After only two bites, I heard my hunting companion yell out. I assumed he shot at a deer. I drew back my bow and waited, and the rest, as you can see, is history. I do realize, however, that it was sheer luck in my getting that deer, and I'm getting the head mounted to remind me of the one that didn't get away.

Robert M. Wagle, Romulus □



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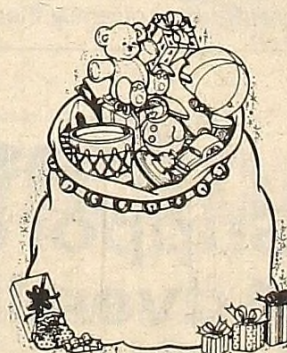
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Cholesterol and Triglyceride Disorders

This reprint from Biomedical Information Corporation's Compendium of Patient Information was submitted by J.H. Barden, D.O.

High levels of cholesterol and triglycerides, fatty compounds found in the blood, are an important means of identifying persons with an increased risk of hardening of the arteries and heart attack. Consequently, doctors now advise patients with elevated blood levels of cholesterol and triglycerides to decrease their intake of dietary cholesterol and fats. Losing excess weight and increasing physical exercise also seem to be beneficial in some cases. Occasionally, medications that act to regulate blood cholesterol and triglyceride levels may be recommended.

What Are Cholesterol and

Triglycerides?

Cholesterol and triglycerides are fatty compounds derived from the diet or manufactured by the body from carbohydrates and fats. They are essential for a number of vital body functions. Triglycerides, for example, serve as a source of energy for the body. Cholesterol is an important component of cell membranes and is utilized by the body in the production of bile salts and sex hormones.

Carbohydrates (sugars and starches) in excess of our daily needs are converted to fat and serve as the primary source of triglycerides that are synthesized from foods in the diet. Both cholesterol and triglycerides are supplied by foods of animal origin, including fatty meats, egg yolks, and the saturated fats

present in whole milk, butter, cream, and other dairy products.

In general, the more 'saturated' a fatty acid, the harder or more solid it is at room temperature. Thus, highly saturated fats, such as shortening, animal fat, and butter, are solid at room temperature. Monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats, which are found in vegetable oils, are liquid. Saturated fats, such as butter, cheese, and egg yolks, tend to raise cholesterol and triglyceride blood levels. Monounsaturated fats (for example, olive or peanut oil) do not alter them one way or the other, and polyunsaturated fats (the oils found in corn, sunflower and safflower seeds, as well as many fish) actually lower blood lipid levels.

Because cholesterol and triglycerides are fats and blood is made up mostly of water — and water and fat do not mix — the cholesterol and triglycerides must be carried in the bloodstream by another substance. They are transported in the blood by being combined with proteins into structures called lipoproteins, which are manufactured in the liver. Three types of lipoproteins transport cholesterol and triglycerides in the body. The three types are high-density lipoproteins (HDL), low-density lipoproteins (LDL), and very-low-density lipoproteins (VLDL).

Role of Cholesterol in Heart Disease

Exactly how a high blood level of cholesterol leads to heart disease is unknown, but a high-fat diet can raise blood levels of cholesterol as well as triglycerides. The typical American diet provides six to eight table-spoons of fat a day — many times what is required to maintain health. Since Americans tend to eat large quantities of red meat and dairy products, much of this fat is high in cholesterol. The body can thus contain more cholesterol than it needs, and this can result in the formation of deposits along the artery walls, a process called *atherosclerosis*. If the coronary arteries that nourish the heart become involved, the result is increasingly narrowed vessels that may lead to chest pain (angina) or to a heart attack. Most experts agree that a desirable level of blood cholesterol is in the range of 130 to 190 milligrams of cholesterol per 100 milliliters of blood. This desirable range is considerably below the distribution of blood cholesterol levels in American adults today. The need for treatment of individuals with cholesterol levels on the high side of this desirable range will depend on several factors, including sex, age, family history, and the presence or absence of other risk factors for heart disease.

In the evaluation and treatment of blood cholesterol levels, the portion of the total cholesterol content that is transported through the blood by high-density lipoproteins, referred to as HDL-choles-

terol, appears to be as important as the total serum cholesterol level. HDL-cholesterol is often called the 'good cholesterol' since it seems to protect against the buildup of fatty deposits in the artery walls. On the other hand, the portion of the total cholesterol content that is transported by low-density and very-low-density lipoproteins (LDL-cholesterol and VLDL-cholesterol) is thought to promote atherosclerosis.

The evidence is now quite suggestive that HDL-cholesterol protects against the development of atherosclerosis and heart attacks. The greater the HDL-cholesterol portion of the total cholesterol content, the lower the risk of these heart problems. In order to minimize the risk of atherosclerosis and heart attack, the ratio of the total cholesterol level to the HDL-cholesterol level should be four to one or less. Therefore, increasing the HDL-cholesterol level would be appropriate for individuals at risk for heart disease. Some people seem to have a genetic predisposition to high levels of HDL. Others, also because of heredity, have high LDL levels; such people may die of a heart attack at an early age. Vegetarians or people who consume a low-fat diet tend to have high levels of HDL-cholesterol. Athletes, particularly long-distance runners and others who regularly participate in very vigorous exercise, also tend to have higher levels of HDL-cholesterol, as do women before menopause, which may explain the lower incidence of heart disease in women before the age of fifty.

Role of Triglycerides in Disease

Excess blood levels of triglycerides have been associated with a significant risk of abdominal pain and a very serious disorder of the pancreas. Also, many diseases associated with high triglyceride levels, such as diabetes and chronic kid-

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Straight from the Heart

by Dan Elwart, D.C.

Just heard a song on the radio today, telling how they wish Christmas could be all year long. Sure is a nice thought. I don't know if it was written by a store owner or not. (Just kidding!) People seem to be nicer this time of year than at others; we tend to give more. I guess it's because we're thinking more of what we can do for others than ourselves.

If I had to pick a 'winner of the year' for the Romulus community, I would have to pick my father, Dr. Ray Elwart. This year, Dad is celebrating his twenty-fifth year of practice as a Doctor of Chiropractic. Regardless of your knowledge of what Chiropractic is or isn't, you'll have to admit that 25 years in any profession is quite an accomplishment.

I started writing about how we got involved in Chiropractic but it became too painful after a while. There are just some things that the world doesn't need to know. I can say this, though — I admire Dad for his 'stick-to-it' attitude. Years ago, Dad provided care to many of you before insurance companies covered Chiropractic. He had to charge you lower fees because he knew you were already paying for insurance. People like you came from miles around to see him because he got results — many times after all else had failed.

I know it hurt him to think that some of you got well after trying all kinds of so-called 'accepted' care, and never telling anyone you were going to him. But still he pressed on, knowing that the science of Chiropractic was more important than his discouragement. Dad kept putting his money back into Chiropractic, back into his office so that his patients could have a place they were proud to go to.

Over the years, it has been 'fashionable' to make an exit from this community

and go to 'greener pastures.' More than one time Dad told our family, "... this is my 'Rock of Gibraltar,' and this is where I'm going to stay ... for better or worse." And stay he did, rarely taking a vacation.

I guess a lot of people don't know it, but many of the most successful Chiropractors in this state owe their success, in part, to Dr. Ray. He gave them money, time and counseling when they needed it. His only thought was to help them, and, in turn, help Chiropractic. Dad hasn't been the type that is in the news all the time, telling about some great thing he has accomplished. He has been the type that has worked in the background, working to help you get well and stay well.

Looking back over this short, choppy tribute, it looks like a short 'Dr. Ray Elwart ... This Is Your Life' story. I guess it is, but my words could never describe what he has done to benefit you in this community. This paper wouldn't be big enough to print the stories of how many of his patients, after much suffering with other types of care, came to him as a 'last resort,' only to find they regained their health. Someday, maybe someone with the ability will write the story as it needs to be told, but for now this will have to do.

I'm proud of what Dad has done for this community, and I think many of you are, too. Dad still has a full practice, just as he did over 20 years ago when he returned to this community after Chiropractic college. I just wanted you to know that we have, in this community, a man that has diligently served the public for 25 years, and I'm proud of it! □

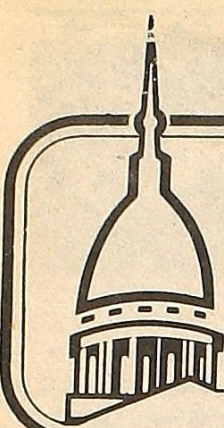
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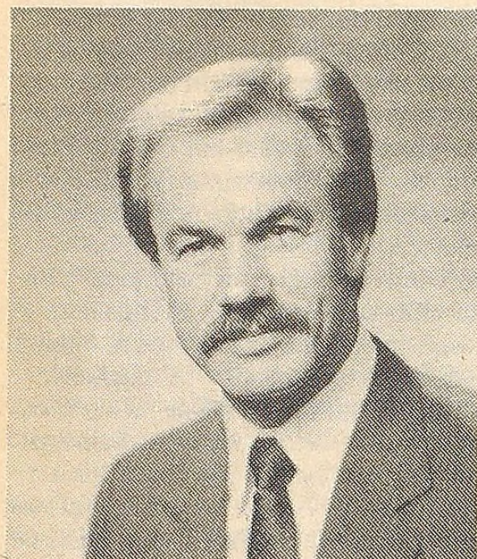




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Weekly Update



by Jim Kosteva, State Representative,
37th District

Proposal for Expanded Jurisdiction of Small Claims Court

Legislation recently introduced in the House would raise the monetary limit of small claims cases from \$1,500 to \$2,500. The bill would also allow fraud cases to be heard in small claims court, giving consumers access to a simplified procedure to resolve such disputes. Judges would be required to explain what rights are given up by parties before they hear cases.

Regulation of First-Mortgage Companies Becomes Law

Legislation designed to prevent abuse in first-mortgage lending has been signed into law by Governor James J. Blanchard. The three-bill package gives the State

Financial Institutions Bureau greater authority to regulate first-mortgage companies and penalize those which violate the law. The legislation does not affect real-estate brokers or companies that are already supervised by a State or Federal agency.

House Votes for Expanded Chiropractic Provisions

The House has approved legislation which redefines the practice of chiropractic to allow use of evaluations and physical examinations, as well as analysis of conditions, and to allow the use of diagnostic instruments and other equipment such as thermometers. Chiropractors would also be allowed to take patients' blood pressure and pulse. Currently, they only are allowed to use analytic instruments which monitor the body, such as scales, rulers and X-rays.

House Panel Approves Bill to Fight Child Pornography

The House Judiciary Committee has approved legislation to make it a crime for anyone to photograph, film or videotape a child in a sexually abusive activity, either for commercial or non-commercial purposes. Current law penalizes only those who engage in child pornography for profit.

House Unanimously Approves Tax Cut

The House has unanimously voted for a \$60 million income-tax cut for 1987-88. The bill would raise the personal exemption on State tax returns this year from \$1,500 to \$1,600. Next year, the exemption level would go to \$1,850, and to

\$2,000 in 1989. The legislation would also retain tax breaks for the blind, deaf and senior citizens that would have been lost because of Federal tax changes.

Legislature Strengthens Regulation of Hazardous Waste Disposal

Legislation designed to improve State regulation of toxic waste disposal has been approved by the Legislature. The legislation will minimize the placement of untreated hazardous waste in disposal facilities and raise an estimated \$2.5 million through a \$10-per-ton fee paid by landfill owners for hazardous waste.

Increased Penalties for Jail Escapees a Possibility

A House-passed bill that would increase the maximum time added to a prisoner's sentence following conviction for jail escape has been approved by a Senate panel. Under the legislation, a convicted felon who attempts to escape from jail would face up to four years added to the end of the original sentence.

House Plan for Transportation Fund Clears Senate Panel

A House bill to create a Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) to pay for road improvements needed for industrial development has been approved by the Senate State Affairs, Tourism and Transportation Committee. The fund, about \$70 million annually, would be administered by a board that would include local government representatives.

Welfare Caseloads Decrease for Sixth Consecutive Month

Michigan's welfare caseload decreased

in October for the sixth consecutive month, according to the State Department of Social Services (DSS). DSS reports the largest decline in ADC-U, a program for unemployed parents and their families, which decreased by 248 cases. Overall, 2,750 welfare recipients found employment and left the welfare rolls.

Grand Rapids to Host State Tourism Conference

The Fifth Annual Governor's Conference on Tourism will be held in Grand Rapids March 27-29, 1988. The conference provides an opportunity for some 500 travel-business owners and operators to discuss promotional activities while the Michigan Travel Bureau provides annual marketing strategies and advertising plans.

Legislative Forum is a weekly television program of news, discussion and commentary from the Michigan House of Representatives. Check local TV and Cable listings for stations and broadcast times. □

New Exit at Vining?

The Michigan Department of Transportation is near to approving the proposed exit ramp off of I-94 at Vining in Romulus for additional access to the Airport. Also, there is talk that another entrance/exit ramp may be constructed on I-275 south of Romulus.

There have been a number of issues agreed upon by the powers involved and, once the Department of Transportation approves the work, then it goes to the Federal Government for approval.

The proposed exit ramp would also benefit not just the Airport, but the new 30-million-square-foot development that is now ready for construction in Romulus, as well.

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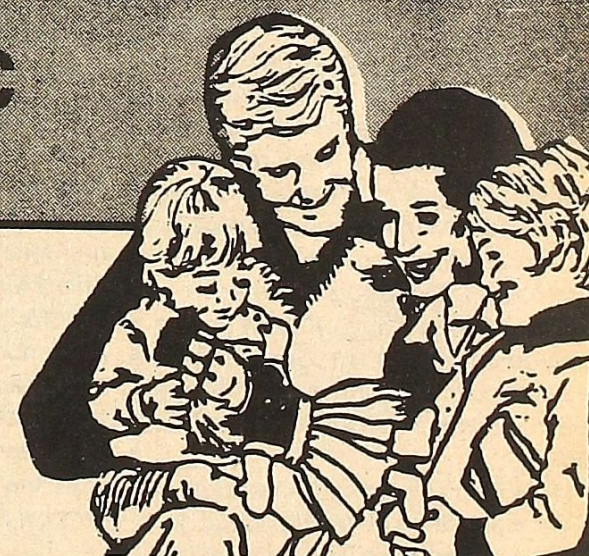
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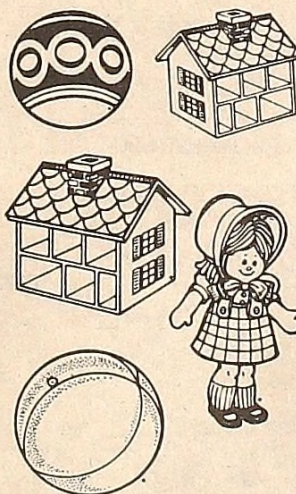
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To save the World from sin.
For the Word of God had promised
A Savior for the Earth,
And the wise men came from distant lands
And rejoiced at the Savior's birth.
Even now, within our hearts,
We know His light still gleams,
Renewing hope and faith for Man
As it did in Bethlehem.
So, let us give a prayer of thanks
To God this Christmas Eve
For sending us that tiny Babe,
The Savior, the King of Kings.

Christmas Eve

by Betty Baschal

'Twas early in the evening,
Chimes could be heard from afar.
The light that shown from the window
Was that of the Northern Star.
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Had fallen the night before,
And the air was filled with the scent
Of the wreath that hung on the door.
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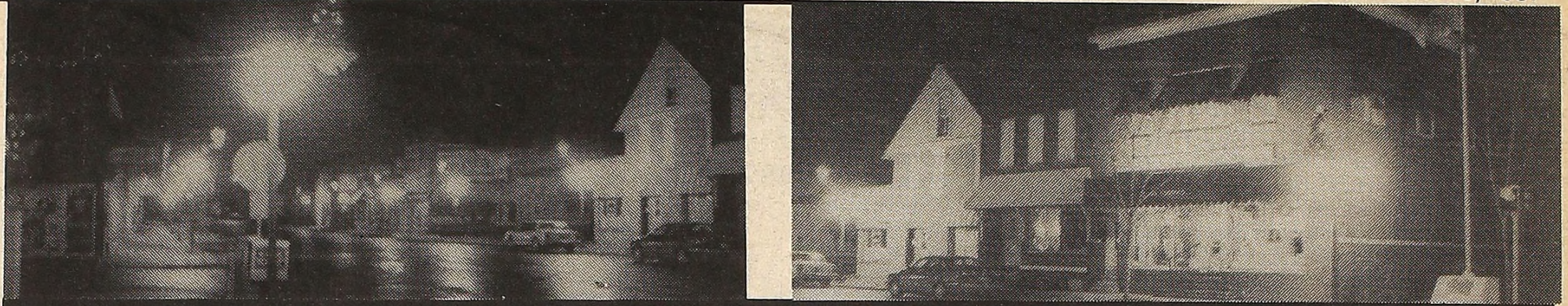
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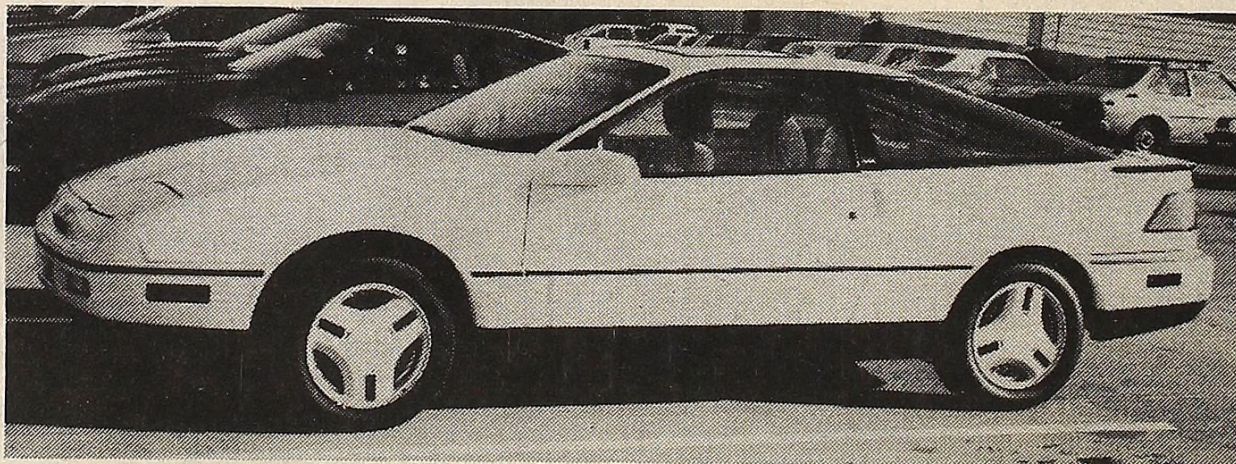


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